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ASPECTS OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON REVISED TEXT OF

LUNS LETTER CONTAINED PARA 4, REFTEL. GUIDANCE SET FORTH IN STATE 35780 STILL REMAINS VALID AND SHOULD GUIDE YOUR EFFORTS. WE HOPE THE ALLIES WILL APPRECIATE THAT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN DRAFTING A RESPONSE. WE SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING CHANGES OR THE LEAD IN DISCUSSIONS. ALLIES SHOULD NOT FEEL INHIBITED IN DISCUSSING ALL TABLED PROPOSALS FREELY. HOWEVER, AS NOTED BELOW, WE DO FEEL STRONGLY THAT ALLIES SUCCEED IN OPPOSING SPECIFIC DUTCH CHANGES.

2. WE CANNOT ACCEPT CHANGE SINGLE ASTERISK IN PARA 1 OF LUNS LETTER PROPOSED BY DUTCH. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT BRACKETED LANGUAGE WITH UT ASTERISK BEGINNING WITH "THEY RECOGNIZE..."

3. YOU SHOULD OPPOSE DUTCH BRACKETED LANGUAGE WITH ASTERISK IN PARA 2 OF LUNS LETTER.

4. PARA 3 OF LUNS LETTER, FIRST BRACKET WITH ASTERISK. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT EFFORT BY OTHERS TO DELETE DUTCH LANGUAGE.

5. PARA 3 OF LUNS LETTER, DUTCH LANGUAGE IN BRACKETS WITH ASTERISK AS PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF LANGUAGE IN BRACKETS WITHOUT ASTERISK. YOU SHOULD REFRAIN FROM EXPRESSING ANY US PREFERENCE, BUT YOU MAY SUPPORT EITHER TEXT AGREED TO BY ALLIES. IF ALTERNATIVE TO EITHER OF ALTERNATIVE BRACKETED TEXTS IS PROPOSED, YOU SHOULD SEEK WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

6. YOU MAY ACCEPT COMPROMISE SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN DOUBLE ASTERISK BRACKETS IN PARA 3 IF GERMANS DROP INSISTENCE ON DELETION. IF GERMANS INSIST THAT EVEN COMPROMISE FORMULATION IS UNACCEPTABLE, YOU SHOULD STATE US WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER WHATEVER FRG AND OTHER ALLIES CAN AGREE ON AS ALTERNATIVE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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DUTCH LANGUAGE.

7. PARA 4 OF LUNS LETTER, BRACKETED LANGUAGE WITH THREE ASTERISKS. YOU MAY SUPPORT PROPOSAL BY OTHERS TO DELETE, BUT YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE IN THIS REGARD. IF TURKS PERSIST, AND IF TACTICALLY USEFUL, YOU MAY STATE US WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER WHATEVER

TURKEY AND OTHER ALLIES CAN AGREE ON.

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